

A. T. WHITTELSEY.

APRIL 11, 1884.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. W. W. BROWN, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 4749.]

*The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4749) for the relief of A. T. Whittelsey, submit the following report:*

That, having considered the claim of A. T. Whittelsey, for loss of post-office furniture, they do not believe the Government should be required to pay the loss sustained by fire, especially as the furniture burned was not at the time in use by the Government. It was simply private property stored and not insured, with the expectation that in some way, and how does not appear, reimbursement was hoped for, but is assumed to have been prevented by the fire.

The committee are of the opinion that the claim is too uncertain and remote to create an equity as against the United States, and therefore report adversely and recommend that the bill do lie on the table.

